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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *Peter L. LoPresti*

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Credential: Now Available to Holders of a
Health or Library Services Credential.

Senate Bill 194 (Montoya), signed by the Governor July 27, 1979, amended Education Code Section 44270 to allow a person with a Health Services credential or a Library Services credential, who has three years of experience and who completes all other requirements, to qualify for an Administrative Services credential. Education Code Section 44270, as amended, follows:

"44270. The minimum requirements for the services credential with a specialization in administrative services are all of the following:

(a) The possession of a valid teaching credential issued under the law and rules and regulations in effect on or before December 31, 1971, requiring the possession of a baccalaureate degree, or as specified in Section 44259, or as specified in Section 44260 provided the applicant also possesses a baccalaureate degree, or a services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel, health, or librarian services as specified in Sections 44266, 44267, and 44269.

(b) A minimum of three years of successful, full-time classroom teaching experience in the public schools, or in private schools of equivalent status or three years of experience in the fields of pupil personnel, health, or librarian services.

(c) A program of specialized and professional preparation in administrative services approved by the commission or one year internship in a commission-approved program of supervised in-service training in administrative services.

The services credential with a specialization in administrative services shall authorize the holder to serve as a superintendent, associate superintendent, deputy superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervisor, consultant, coordinator, or in an equivalent or intermediate level administration position.

Any person who administers a pupil personnel program shall hold a services credential with a pupil personnel or administrative specialization."

The Commission held a public hearing on December 6, 1979, on California Administrative Code, Title 5 Regulations to implement this amended statute. The Commission approved the Title 5 Regulations, as proposed, on December 7, 1979. These Title 5 Regulations, cited below, are effective as of March 7, 1980.

Title 5 Regulation, Section 80054. Services Credential with a Specialization in Administrative Services. A Services Credential with a Specialization in Administrative Services shall be issued initially only until the date of expiration of the valid teaching credential, or Services Credential with a Specialization in Pupil Personnel, Health, or Librarian Services, but for not more than five years.

(a) A Services Credential with a Specialization in Administrative Services shall be renewed until the date of expiration of the valid teaching credential, or Services Credential with a Specialization in Pupil Personnel, Health or Librarian Services, but for not more than five years.

In response to a number of queries about the implementation of these statutes and regulations, I have asked our legal counsel, Mr. Walt Taylor, for opinions. One of the repeated queries has been: "Must the three year experience requirement [Section 44270 (b)] be met on the basis of experience in one type of assignment or can it be met on the basis of a combination of experience, i.e., one year teaching and two years as a librarian?" Counsel's opinion and our implementation procedure will be that the three year requirement can be met on the basis of a combination of experience.

The second query has to do with a seeming conflict between Education Code Section 44270 and Education Code Section 44860 which states: "No person shall be employed as a principal of a school of six or more teachers, including the principal, unless he is a holder of a valid teacher's credential and either a valid school administrative credential of the same grade as the school to be administered or a valid standard supervision credential authorizing service as a principal of a school of the same grade as the school to be administered." The essence of our counsel's opinion is that the holder of an administrative services credential is authorized to serve as a superintendent, associate superintendent, deputy superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervisor, consultant, coordinator, or in an equivalent or intermediate level administrative position - whether the individual holds a basic teaching credential, a pupil personnel services credential, a health services credential or a library services credential. If you have further questions on this authorization issue, you should seek an opinion from your county counsel.

If you have questions about the amended statutes or the adopted regulations, please call our Information Services Office (916) 445-7254.